

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The claims below will replace all prior listings of claims in the application:

1. through 13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) An absorbent pad for placement in a container comprising:

a base panel; and

one or more side panels comprising a top sheet, a bottom sheet, and one or more islands disposed between said top sheet and said bottom sheet;

a hinge, wherein said hinge connects an edge of said base panel to an edge of each of said one or more side panels to provide complete folding of said one or more side panels onto said base panel, and ~~one or more side panels hingeably connected to said base panel,~~

~~wherein said one or more side panels each further comprise a top sheet, a bottom sheet, and one or more islands disposed between said top sheet and said bottom sheet, and~~

wherein said one or more side panels cover at least a portion of a side of the container in which the absorbent pad is placed.

15. (previously presented) The absorbent pad according to claim 14, wherein said one or more side panels are foldable, allowing the absorbent pad to conform to a base and sidewalls of a similarly dimensioned package or container.

16. (previously presented) The absorbent pad according to claim 14, wherein said base panel further comprises a top sheet, a bottom sheet, and one or more islands disposed between said top sheet of said base panel and said bottom sheet of said base panel.

17. through 29. (canceled)

30. (new) The absorbent pad according to claim 14, wherein said hinge provides a space between said base panel and each of said one or more side panels.

31. (new) The absorbent pad according to claim 14, wherein said hinge is a film connection between said base panel and each of said one or more side panels.